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VIA E-MAIL

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Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr./Ms. Sai:

We are following up with you regarding your public records request submitted to this office requesting the following:

“all records ... about [Jeffrey] Epstein”

Based on the breadth of the specific request, this office has initially identified in excess of 5,000 records that may be responsive. In order to provide you with a better understanding of the extent of the information that may be responsive to your request, please note that these materials are estimated to encompass over 20,000 pages and 1.5GB of data. These records may include documents containing information that is confidential and exempt from section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and section 24(a), article I of the Florida Constitution. For example, materials that were prepared by an agency attorney or prepared at the attorney's direction that reflect mental impressions, conclusions, litigation strategy, or legal theories of the attorney or agency prepared in anticipation of litigation are exempt from production pursuant to section 119.071(1)(d), Florida Statutes.

Consequently, your specific request will require an extensive use of agency personnel and time, as well as information technology resources, to retrieve and review the documents responsive to your request and ensure compliance with the exemptions under section 119.071, Florida Statutes, and applicable law. Therefore, an initial labor charge is being assessed pursuant to section 119.07(4)(d), Florida Statutes, for 100 hours of personnel time charged at an hourly rate of \$20.23, for a total initial labor charge of \$2,023.

Please note that sections 817.568 and 817.569, Florida Statutes, impose criminal penalties for the unauthorized use of personal identification information for fraudulent or harassment purposes, and for the criminal use of a public record or public records' information.

Pursuant to Florida Public Records Act, section 119.07(4), Florida Statutes, please provide us with a check in the total amount of \$2,023 made payable to the Department of Legal Affairs and sent to my attention at the above-referenced address.

PLEASE ONLY make your payment to the Department; checks endorsed in an individual's name WILL BE RETURNED.

Please note that this is an initial cost estimate only. Please be further advised that it is possible that your cost estimate will pay for the review of records that cannot be released. *See, e.g.,* Section 119.07(4)(d), Florida Statutes.

Upon receipt of the aforementioned check, this office will begin to process and collect responsive records. We will then forward to you the documents responsive to your request. We estimate that the production of these records will take several months.

Please note that if this office does not receive a response within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, we will close out your specific request as non-responsive. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event that you would like to discuss your current request, or if you would like to narrow it in any fashion.

Sincerely,

s/ Nicholas J. Weilhammer

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